Development of design and plans for these stations, services of consultants as considered necessary are being taken.

Recommendations of Passenger Amenities Committee

531. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 459 given in Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 2003 and state:

(a) the details of recommendations of Passenger Amenities Committee accepted by Government; and

(b) the details of actions taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) As stated in the reply to Unstarred Question number 459 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th December, 2003, the suggestions/observations of the Passenger Amenities Committee are kept in view while formulating guidelines and implementation.

Bullet trains

532. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a proposal before Government to commence bullet trains in the country;

(b) whether special passenger corridors were proposed to be constructed for the purpose;

(c) whether freight corridors were also contemplated by Government; and

(d) the details of the status as regards passenger corridor and freight corridor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Dedicated Railway Freight Corridor Projects on Western and

Eastern Routes were sanctioned in Rail Budget 2006-07 at an estmiated cost of Rs. 22,000 crores. Preliminary Engineering-cum-Traffic Survey is being done for the project.

Laying on Wardha-Nanded-Yavatmal rail line

533. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 403 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 12th May, 2006 and state:

(a) whether Government have since forwarded the project regarding laying of rail line in Wardha-Nanded-Yavatmal to the Planning Commission for approval as promised by him in the budget session; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Traffic and Engineering Survey reports have been drawn. Final report is expected by end of July, 2006.

Kaifiyat Express

534. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the public while travelling from Delhi to Azamgarh (U.P.) in Kaifiyat Express and back, have to face a lot of problems to get a seat or berth due to less number of bogies in that train;

(b) if so, whether there is a proposal under active consideration of Government to add at least one more IInd class bogie in that train for the convenience of the public; and

(c) if so, by when an extra bogie shall be added to the train?